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***U.S. News & World Report Identifies Thomas, Long, Niesen & Kennard
as First Tier Law Firm in 2010 Best Law Firms Rankings***

HARRISBURG, Pa. -- *November 5, 2010* -- Thomas, Long, Niesen & Kennard is honored to announce that the firm has recently been named by *U.S. News & World Report*, in conjunction with *Best Lawyers*[®], to its inaugural rankings of "Best Law Firms." *U.S. News & World Report* specifically identified Thomas, Long, Niesen & Kennard as a First Tier or "Tier 1" metropolitan law firm in the area of [Energy Law](#).

"Achieving a Tier 1 ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise," according to *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers*[®]. It is the highest level of recognition under the magazine's ranking system.

The [methodology](#) for choosing the 2010 "Best Law Firms" involved surveying thousands of law firm clients; leading lawyers and law firm managers; partners and associates; and marketing officers and recruiting officers. Each were asked what factors they considered vital for clients hiring law firms, for lawyers choosing a firm to refer a legal matter to, and for lawyers seeking employment.

The national first-tier rankings are featured in the October 2010 print issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. The "Best Law Firms" rankings are an expansion the magazine's popular "America's Best" series. *Best Lawyers*[®] is widely regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States.

About Thomas, Long, Niesen & Kennard

Thomas, Long, Niesen & Kennard is a full-service Harrisburg-based law firm carefully crafted to meet all of the legal challenges facing individual, privately-owned and municipal clients. The firm's attorneys are leading practitioners in corporate, municipal finance, public utility, gaming, bankruptcy, commercial litigation, fidelity/surety and construction law, as well as securities regulation, products liability, estate planning and trusts, mergers and acquisitions, general civil litigation and appellate practice. For more information, please visit the firm's web site at <http://www.thomaslonglaw.com>.